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Murphys Creek Community Newsletter

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**Big Breakfast & Community Area Opening**

As we venture into stage 3 of our Kids Matters journey, we have created a special Parent and Community area within our school.

The 3rd stage of Kids Matter focuses on working with Parents & Carers. Our aim is to

- Develop working relationships with parents
- Support the role of parenting
- Provide Parent support networks

To do this we have created a Parent & Community area. In this area we have 2 comfortable couches, a parent library, computer & internet connection.

The area is located in the library which also allows us to hold workshops and to invite speakers to address interested parents and guests. Our first speaker will be Robyn Kavanagh, Health Promotion and Education Officer from Family Planning Queensland. She will be talking about “Helping your Kids Grow Up”. Everyone is welcome; Breakfast from 7am, Parent workshop from 8:30–9:30am.

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**Murphy’s Creek**

What is the fastest land animal in the world?

A. Kangaroo
B. Cheetah
C. Horse

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**Murphy Pride**

Our Students of the Week are Indie Collyer and Zac Keogh. Indie was chosen by her peers for working hard & helping others and Zac was chosen for always following school rules. These two are ‘Murphy Pride’ Personified!
Indigenous Day in Helidon

Program for the day: 29th October
9:00 – 9:15: arrive at Helidon State School
9:15 – 9:30: Acknowledgment of Country and going to groups
9:30 – 11:00: group rotations
11:00 – 11:30: morning tea
11:30 – 1:00: group rotations
1:00 – 1:30: lunch
1:30 – 2:00: group rotations

Come to school at normal time via bus or car and we will return in time for normal bus or car travel arrangements. Wear uniform, bring hat and a water bottle.

OSHC will not be ready for Vacation Care

Sadly we have hit a paperwork snag that means our Vacation Care will not be ready for this year.

We are still on track for our Term 1 start in 2014

Playgroup
9am each Monday
Bring a hat, water bottle & a snack.
All Welcome!

“Strive to Excel”
School Motto

Prep Try Day
To help all our new students for Prep Year get established we are having the first of our Prep Try Days.
This day will occur on the 8th of November from 8:20am to 11:45am. This will allow the new students to see for themselves what ‘Big School’ looks like and it also gives the parents a chance to talk with the teachers and ask any questions they may have.

The Program
8:20 am Prep orientation meeting with Mrs O’Keeffe in the classroom while Mrs Greene takes the children to play.
8:45am Parade
9:15am Inside classroom activities
11:00am 1st Break
11:15 am Play
11:45am Parent Pick up

Got Tickets Yet?
When is it on? Friday 29th November—6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

How do I secure a place at this event? You will need to buy a ticket per person attending. Tickets are available from the school office from Monday 28th October. Tickets cost $15 per adult/high school student, $10 per primary student, $5 per pre-school aged children, children in prams are free. There will be no more than 200 meal tickets sold so don’t leave it too late to book. For your ticket you will receive a cold Christmas style meal and dessert. Soft drinks are available from the bar- BYO alcohol.

Performing students DO NOT need a ticket as they will be fed back stage.

Congratulations to Indie Collyer for receiving the PLAYERS’ PLAYER AWARD FOR THE U11 Netball Competition in Toowoomba

TUCKSHOP ON THIS WEEK—ORDERS IN BY WEDNESDAY

Curriculum Corner
Christmas Party
The Fossil Downs Bush Rodeo are holding a Christmas Party for the students of Murphys Creek State School on Sunday 8th December @ 3pm. Taking place on the ‘Green Area’ next to the Tavern. Free BBQ & treats with Santa arriving during the afternoon.

P&C News
Big Brekky Fri 1st Nov
P&C Meeting @ 5pm Wed 20th Nov
Musical Dinner Fri 29th Nov

1. Mr Gillespie receiving his Teachers Day award.
2. High-fivers Tamorah & Monique.
3. Rockey awarding Mrs S her Teachers award.
5. Emily presenting Miss Judd with her World Teachers Day certificate.
6. Mrs O’Keefe receiving her Teachers award from Reegan.
7. Reegan, Caitlyn & Daniel received banking certificates.
Gold Coin Brekky Starts Again

Thanks to the commitment of our fabulous parents, Gold Coin Breakfast will be on again each Tuesday morning. Cereal, fruit, toast and juice will be among the usuals each Tuesday. Breakfast starts at 8am and runs until 8:45am. Parents are welcome to join their kids and enjoy the beautiful mornings here at Murphys Creek.

Our focus this week is on safety, with the specific focus of:
⇒ use equipment as it is intended.
Specifically we will look at the way scissors, pencils and glue are used safely.
The students will also make sure that their desks and chairs are used correctly.
This sounds simple but explicit teaching of these skills will reduce accidents and injury in the long run.

Community Notices

Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band

“Come and Try Day”

Drums: Bass, tenor and side drums.
Pipes: Bagpipes and chanters

Murphy’s Creek Community Centre.
Saturday 9 November
11am to 12 noon or 1-2 pm.

- Free tuition
- No experience necessary
- Hear the band play
- All ages
- Boys and girls invited

The Lockyer Valley Celtic Pipe Band is keen to recruit new members. We have moved into the new Murphy’s Creek Community Centre for some of our practice sessions.

If travelling from Wilscott/Helidon, turn right then left over the railway line at Murphy’s Creek.
If travelling from Toowoomba, turn left, then left again over the railway line.

Contact: Graeme Howard, 46 305 110 email: gandrew@bigpond.com

Celtic Festival of Queensland

Helidon - 3rd November 2013

9am til 3pm - Railway Street, Helidon

Live Music

Dance Displays

Massed Pipe Bands

Celtic Art, Books & History

Medieval Re-enactment and Knight School

Celtic Collectables

Highland Games Display

And Much, Much More.

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